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## MUTANDA ORNITHOLOGICA.

## IX.

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Further notes<sup>1</sup> on untenable names of birds are furnished below. These refer to species in the families Corvidae, Motacillidae, Sylviidae, Turdoididae, and Timaliidae.

## FAMILY CORVIDAE.

*Dendrocitta sinensis* (Latham).

The name *Dendrocitta sinensis* for a Chinese jay must now be changed, since its basis, *Corvus sinensis* Latham (Index Ornith., I, 1790, p. 161; Macao Island, China), is found to be preoccupied by *Corvus sinensis* Gmelin (Syst. Nat., I, i, 1788, p. 372; China) for another and unidentified species. Since no other name is available for *Dendrocitta sinensis*, we propose to call it *Dendrocitta celadina*, nom. nov.

## FAMILY MOTACILLIDAE.

*Motacilla longicauda* Rüppell.

The name *Motacilla longicauda* Rüppell (Neue Wirb. Faun. Abyss., Vög., 1835, p. 84, pl. XIX, fig. 2; Province of Simen, Abyssinia), for a well known African wagtail, is untenable on account of the previous *Motacilla longicauda* Gmelin (Syst. Nat., I, ii, 1789, p. 954, China), a synonym of *Sutoria sutoria* (Forster). Its only synonym, *Motacilla longicaudata* Grant and Reid (Ibis, ser. 8, I, No. IV, October, 1901, p. 630; nom. emend. pro *Motacilla longicauda* Rüppell), is preoccupied by *Motacilla longicaudata* Hermann (Observ. Zool., 1804, p. 210; no locality). A new specific designation is therefore necessary for *Motacilla longicauda* Rüppell, and we provide it in *Motacilla rhadinura*, nom. nov.

<sup>1</sup> For the eight previous articles in this series, cf. Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., 30, March 31, 1917, pp. 75-76; July 27, 1917, pp. 125-126; *ibid.*, 31, May 16, 1918, pp. 47-49; November 29, 1918, pp. 125-126; *ibid.*, 32, February 14, 1919, pp. 7-8; April 11, 1919, pp. 21-22; June 27, 1919, pp. 127-128; December 31, 1919, pp. 239-240.

## FAMILY SYLVIIDAE.

*Eremomela flaviventris* (Burchell).

The name of the South African warbler now known as *Eremomela flaviventris* is invalidated because it was originally described as *Sylvia flaviventris* Burchell (Trav. South Afr., I, 1822, p. 335, note; Asbestos Mountains, 14 miles north of the Orange River, Griqualand West, South Africa), and because this is preoccupied by *Sylvia flaviventris* Vieillot (Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., XI, 1817, p. 241; Paris, France), which is now relegated to the synonymy of *Phylloscopus trochilus* (Linnaeus). It has apparently no synonym, and we therefore rechristen it ***Eremomela griseoflava perimacha***, nom. nov. It is here treated as a subspecies of *Eremomela griseoflava* Heuglin (Journ. f. Ornith., 1862, p. 40), since this name now becomes the earliest one among all the forms of this species and must, therefore, from a nomenclatural standpoint, become the typical race. These subspecies will now stand as follows:

- Eremomela griseoflava griseoflava* Heuglin.
- Eremomela griseoflava abdominalis* Reichenow.
- Eremomela griseoflava sharpei* Reichenow.
- Eremomela griseoflava perimacha* Oberholser.
- Eremomela griseoflava erlangeri* Reichenow.
- Eremomela griseoflava flavicrissalis* Sharpe.

## FAMILY TURDOIDIDAE.

*Crateropus griseus* (Gmelin).

The *Turdus griseus* of Gmelin (Syst. Nat., I, ii, 1769, p. 824; Coromandel Coast, India), which is now in use for an Indian babbling thrush in the combination *Crateropus griseus*, is preoccupied by *Turdus griseus* Boddaert (Tabl. Planch. Enlum. d'Hist. Nat., 1783, p. 39; Cayenne), which is now called *Microrhopias grisea* (Boddaert). Dr. C. W. Richmond has already called attention (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., LIII, August 16, 1917, p. 627) to the fact that the generic name *Crateropus* Swainson must be superseded by *Turdoides* Cretzschmar. In view of this and of the fact that *Crateropus griseus*, lacking synonyms, is in need of a new name, we propose that it be known as ***Turdoides polioplocamus*** Oberholser, nom. nov.

## FAMILY TIMALIIDAE.

*Arrenga cyanea* (Horsfield).

This Javan species, the *Turdus cyaneus* of Horsfield (Trans. Linn. Soc. Lond., XIII, May, 1821, p. 149; Java), can no longer be called by its present specific name, because this is ineligible for further use on account of the earlier *Turdus cyaneus* of Müller (Vollständ. Natursyst. Suppl., 1776, p. 145; Cape of Good Hope, southern Africa), applied to some other bird. The next and only other available specific designation appears to be *Pitta glaucina* Temminck (Nouv. Rec. Planch. Col. d'Ois., II, livr. 33, 1823, pl. 194; Java); and the name of this bird, should, therefore, henceforth be *Arrenga glaucina* (Temminck).